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SUBJECT: REPORTED REMARKS OF SENATOR CHILES ON AD AND COPEI
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1. SEPTEMBER 6 LOCAL PRESS CARRIED AP WASHINGTON STORY REPORTING SENATOR CHILES TO HAVE SAID THERE ARE NO BASIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AD AND COPEI IN TERMS OF THEIR ECONOMIC PLANS, THOUGH THERE ARE DIFFERENCES IN STYLE. IN SEPTEMBER 7 PRESS AD PRESIDENT GONZALO BARRIOS AND COPEI LEADER LUIS HERRERA CAMPINS BOTH DENY THEIR PARTIES ARE ALIKE AND THAT MISTAKEN (IN THEIR VIEW) IMPRESSION GAINED BY SENATOR CHILES ON HIS RECENT VISIT IS LARGELY DUE TO SHORT TIME HE SPENT HERE. TONE OF BARRIOS' REMARKS IS FRIENDLY, HOWEVER - TO EFFECT THAT SENATOR IS "INTELLIGENT POLITICAN, WITH VERY SINCERE DESIRE TO UNDERSTAND OTHER COUNTRIES OF CONTINENT." HERRERA, HOWEVER, PIQUEDLY CALLS SENATOR'S REPORTED REMARKS "FLIPPANT AND SUPERFICIAL," AND SAYS THAT VENEZUELAN PARTIES AND INSTITUTIONS ARE SETTING EXAMPLE FOR ALL COUNTRIES OF AMERICA.

2. PREDICTABLY ENOUGH, REACTION OF LEFTIST OPPOSITION PARTIES HAS BEEN THAT SENATOR MERELY SAID WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN REITERA-TING REPEATEDLY IN THEIR CAMPAIGN AGAINST AD-COPEI.
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